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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO CALCUTTA MADRAS FROM BOMBAY
OCT 11 REPEATED:

QUOTE

BOMBAY 2450

1. A LARGE PUBLIC MEETING TO HONOR S.A. DANGE, GENERAL SECRETARY OF AITUC, ON HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY WAS HELD IN BOMBAY OCTOBER 10. AMONG THOSE PARTICIPATING IN MEETING WERE FORMER PRESIDENT V V GIRI, Y B CHAVAN, N M GOVINDAN NAIR, KERALA INDUSTRIES MINISTER, S R KULKARNI, PRESIDENT OF ALL INDIA PORT AND DOCK WORKERS FEDERATION, AND GEORGE FERNANDES, CHAIRMAN OF SOCIALIST PARTY. SEVERAL MAHARASHTRA STATE MINISERS WERE PRESENT.

2. IN HONORING DANGE, GIRI EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPROVAL OF GOI HANDLINGOF RECENT RAILWAY STRIKE. CHAVAN SAID THAT DANGE IS AN INTERNATIONALIST AND IS LOVED EVEN BY NON-COMMUNISTS. DANGE IN HIS SPEECH WELCOMED USE OF MISA FOR ARRESTING SMUGGLERS AND HOARDERS AND STRONGLY CRITICIZED US FOR ITS CRITICISM OF INDIA'S NUCLEAR EXPLOSION.

3. DANGE WAS PRESENTED WITH A PURSE CONTAINING RS. 450,000 AND MORE MONEY WAS PROMISED LATER.

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4. ON OCTOBER 9 USSR CONFERRED "ORDER OF LENIN" ON DANGE
AND THIS NEWS FROM MOSCOW RECEIVED GOOD LOCAL PUBLICITY.
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